

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT FOR INTS MAJORS

International Studies majors are required to demonstrate intermediate level proficiency in at least one foreign language. Cultivating proficiency in a foreign language not only provides students with the linguistic skills and cultural competencies that are increasingly in demand in an interconnected and globalizing workforce, but it also exposes students to new ways of thinking and learning, thereby sharpening cognitive and critical thinking abilities.

This requirement may be satisfied in one of three ways:

1. by completing the final course in the second-year intermediate sequence of one foreign language taught at DU with a C- or better;
2. by completing one course of a foreign language at a higher level with a C- or better, if the student tests out of the intermediate level of a foreign language taught at DU
3. by successfully demonstrating intermediate level proficiency in one foreign language, via an approved proficiency assessment.

Moreover, please note the following:

- This is not *necessarily* a credit-bearing requirement. Any coursework taken to satisfy the INTS foreign language (FOLA) proficiency requirement will be *in addition to* the 44 minimum credit hours required for the INTS major.
- The foreign language proficiency requirement for the INTS major is separate from general university, “common curriculum” requirements. Please direct questions regarding how to satisfy the foreign language requirement for the common curriculum to the general [Office of Undergraduate Academic Advising](#).
- The languages currently offered by the [Department of Languages and Literatures](#) at DU include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.
- Students entering the University with previous language training in one of the aforementioned languages will be required to take the undergraduate *placement* exam prior to new student registration in order to ascertain the appropriate level at which to continue language study while at DU.
- Students without previous training in one of the aforementioned foreign languages are not required to take the *placement* exam. Instead, these students will simply register for the first course of the beginning sequence of their selected language. For planning purposes, students should remember that all foreign language courses at DU are sequenced and that most sequences begin in Fall Quarter.
- International students that speak English *as a second language* may request a waiver of the INTS foreign language requirement, presuming they have satisfied the minimum TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) and at least 20 on all TOEFL subscores.
- Students may fulfill the second year INTS foreign language requirement via an approved proficiency assessment. Students who choose the proficiency assessment option are responsible for any fees associated with the assessment.
- Testing out of the first or second year of foreign language, via the undergraduate *placement* exam, does not reduce the total number of 183 hours needed to graduate from DU with a Bachelor of Arts degree.
- INTS majors that qualify for foreign language substitution through the Disability Service Program (DSP), must complete two years’ worth (24 credits) of approved foreign language (FOLA) substitution courses, with at least 12 credits at the 2xxx level or above.